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Shakespeare once wrote: "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players: They have their exits and their entrances ..."

And while a Saginaw Valley State College theater professor "exited" to Australia; an Aussie theater professor "entered" SVSC's program.

Bruce Widdop and Dr. Janet Rubin are acting out the other's life for six months as part of the respective colleges' international exchange programs.

Widdop is from Ballarat College of Advanced Education. He will direct "J.G., Specs and Angie" for SVSC's audience, as well as direct and act in the one-man play "The Christian Brothers." Meanwhile, Rubin will produce Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" for her Aussie colleagues.

Widdop said since his arrival in the states in January, he has discovered many similarities between American and Australian theater. However, he said the two differ in their form of education.

The Australian theater follows more closely the English theater in stressing drama in education, rather than theater, Widdop said.

"(The English believe) the theater is reserved for those with experience," he said. "And drama, as a teaching method, should be open to all."

Widdop's experience spans the gamut of the theater, including acting, directing and writing. He has written several plays, including a number of musicals.

The play he is directing for the SVSC theatre department, "J.G., Specs and Angie," provides a universal appeal, Widdop said. He also said Australian slang is prominent throughout the story and was not altered in order to maintain the Australian flair.

"The students have had a lot of fun," Widdop continued. "The school situations are parallel to those they have had."

And probably many of his theater experiences are comparable to his students. Widdop related an incident that took place just more than five years ago.

"An Australian playwright had written a dinner/theater on football and we were to perform it following a football awards night with 800 people ..."

Well, as fate would have it, the awards ceremony took an additional two hours to complete and the actors took the stage. However, the program had indicated a (Please turn to page 2)

Etceteras...

- Australia was federated in 1901. It occupies the island continent of Australia and its offshore islands total area of 7,682,300 sq. km. The 1983 population was 15.45 million, with per capita GNP reaching \$10,780 (U.S. \$). Agriculture and mining are principal industries, and tourism is an important part of the economy.
- a Federal Parliament headed by a Governor-General and including a Senate and House of Representatives. Each of the eight states and territories has its own government, which carries the major responsibility for education, but much support for education is federal.
- Advanced Education is located in Ballarat in Victoria
 Territory. The Victorian
 Technical and Further Education Board coordinates higher education programs in the territory, but most Australian colleges and universities are autonomous.

The Statesman's Year-Book, 1986-87 and The Europa Yearbook, 1986.

add several new universities, including some private institutions, to Australia's education system.

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completion time and when the actors returned to the stage following intermission, the majority of the audience was gone.

"It left the actors a bit confused," Widdop said. "But because people were still there, we offered a cut-down version of the second half."

Widdop said he selected the United States as his exchange choice because he wanted to learn more about the theater programs here as well as study America and the American way of life.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT BY HISPANIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Since 1980, the state department of education has annually recognized the educational achievements and contributions of Hispanics and non-Hispanics in Michigan.

SVSC faculty, students and staff are invited to attend a meeting at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 18 in the large seminar room of the Administrative Services Building to accept nominations. Nominations will be accepted in six categories: high school graduate, college graduate, Hispanic educator, non-Hispanic educator, Hispanic advocate and Hispanic parent(s).

Individuals who are selected for statewide recognition are invited to an awards ceremony during the Michigan Hispanic Education Conference in May.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP TO MEET AT COLLEGE IN MARCH

A Phi Delta Kappa Professional Development Institute on Developing Critical Thinking is scheduled to take place in lower level Doan from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 27, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March

The institute is co-sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa International and the Saginaw Bay Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, and endorsed by SVSC, Bay City Public Schools, Delta College, the school district of the city of Saginaw and the Tuscola Intermediate School District.

Dr. Kenneth R. Chuska will conduct the institute, which includes activities that demonstrate the conditions that are conducive to thinking. In addition, participants will be introduced to a model designed to be used to build a thinking program using the existing curricula.

The registration fee is \$65 and includes the workshop and resource materials and lunch on Friday. It is due March 18. Registration will be limited to 100.

For further information, contact Dr. Elaine Stephens at extension 4317.

MARCH DESIGNATED WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Recently a Congressional resolution was passed designating March as Women's History Month.

The resolution notes women's economic, cultural and social roles in the nation and their achievements and contributions throughout history.

A women's whose contributions have had a significant impact is Candace Anderson, a singing storyteller.

Anderson is scheduled to appear at the College as part

of the Salad Bar Concert Series, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 10 in lower level Doan.

Anderson has woven her magic in places ranging from juvenile homes to female support groups. Her project, "A Sample of Michigan Women: Their Lives Through Song," resulted in both an album and touring show.

The concert is free. Taco salad will be available for \$1.45.

184 RECEIVE DEGREES IN FALL

More than 180 students completed graduation requirements during the fall semester 1986. The graduates included 151 bachelors degree recipients and 33 master degree recipients.

The 184 graduates were part of a record enrollment at the College -- 5,377 students.

Enrollment was 5,020 in the winter semester, up 7.5 percent from winter 1986.

In addition, credit hours generated during the winter 1987 semester increased 7.9 percent to 47,220.

POET TAYLOR TO APPEAR

Ann Arbor poet Keith Taylor, whose works have appeared in SVSC's "Green River Review," is scheduled to read from his works at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 24, in the Wickes Faculty Lounge. His appearance is sponsored by "Cardinal Sins."

Taylor first began publishing poems in 1979. His first book, a collection of poetry, titled "Learning to Dance," was published in 1985. He is currently working on two additional books.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

- -- Dr. Lynn Herkstroeter, professor of French/German, will give a lecture titled "France: The Old and the New," from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 24, in the faculty lounge of Wickes Hall.
- -- The Valley Woodwind Quintet is hosting area high schools today for **Chamber Music Day** until 5:00 p.m. in the Theatre.
- -- "El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz," a film focusing on the life of Malcolm X, will be shown at 4:00 p.m. today in Room 209 of Pioneer Hall as part of Black History Month.
- -- The Michigan Opera Theater will perform "The Original Broadway Revue" beginning at 8:00 p.m. tonight in the Theatre.
- -- Health Yourself -- 1987 takes place until 4:00 p.m. today and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Doan Mall.
- -- "Martin Luther King Jr." will be shown in celebration of **Black History Month** at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, in lower level Doan.
- -- The Industrial Relations Research Association will have a dinner and meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, February 19, in lower level Doan.
- -- The Valley Film Society will show "Ali: Fear Eats the Soul" beginning at 8:00 p.m., Friday, February 20 in the Theatre.
- -- Dr. John Jezierski, professor of history, will discuss "The Goodridge Brothers," beginning at noon, Tuesday, February 24, in Room 213, Pioneer Hall.

- -- Basic Skills Testing will take place beginning Monday, March 2. On that day in Wickes 312, at 10:00 a.m., writing exams will be administered, followed by Math 102 at 11:00 a.m. On Tuesday, March 3, also in Wickes 312, reading testing will take place at 2:00 p.m., followed by Math 101 at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26 in Wickes Lecture Hall, writing exams will be administered at 5:00 p.m., followed by reading at 6:00 p.m. and Math 101 at 7:00 p.m. Appointments must be made at least one day prior to the scheduled testing by calling ext. 4284.
- -- During Health Services' recent **blood drive** 71 people were registered, 61 pints were drawn and 18 new donors were received.
- -- Tickets to the SVSC/Universidad De Las Americas Exchange Program scholarship fund-raiser are still available. The fund-raiser will take place at 5:00 p.m., today at Casa Del Rey. For information, call Dr. Eugene Hamilton at extension 4068.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- -- Dr. Elaine Stephens, associate professor of education and chair of the department of curriculum and instruction, was the afterdinner speaker for the Iosco Reading Council Winter meeting. Her topic was "Comprehension Research and Teaching Strategies." In addition, Stephens was profiled in "The Leadership Task Force Report" of Training Inc., Chicago. The report examined female leaders, their philosophies of leadership and the obstacles facing them.
- -- Two students in the Honors

- Program will present papers to the economics section of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters Friday, February 27 at the University of Michigan. Jeffrey A. Griebel will present "Mergers and Recession" and John R. Duyck will present "An Empirical Analysis of Theories of Interest" with his advisor Dr. Hong Y. Park.
- chairman of the art department, was the sole juror during the Mt. Pleasant Art Association's 24th annual juried art show. The categories were painting, watercolor, sculpture, drawing, printmaking, ceramics, photography, textiles and mixed media. The exhibit continues through February 20.
- -- Robert J. Thaler, assistant professor and chairman of sociology, has been elected 1987 chairman of the Saginaw Archaeological Commission. A division of the Historical Society of Saginaw County, the eight-member commission has responsibility for archaeological education, excavation and preservation.
- -- Dr. Robert Cheek, assistant professor of management, attended the National Convention of the Association of Human Resources and Organizational Behavior in New Orleans. He chaired two sessions and also was elected president of the Michigan State Association of Human Resources Management and Organizational Behavior. SVSC will serve as headquarters for the Michigan chapter. Cheek also authored four chapters of ancillary materials for the new Management textbook by Aldag and Stearns, to be published this month.

FIRE DAMAGES RESTROOM

A fire in the second floor men's restroom of Brown Hall caused nearly \$1,000 damage the afternoon of Monday, February 9.

Lt. Craig Maxwell of the department of public safety, said the cause of the fire is not known. However, Maxwell said it appeared to be the result of a careless smoker that may have tossed a cigarette into the counter top wastebasket. He estimated damages exceeded \$500.

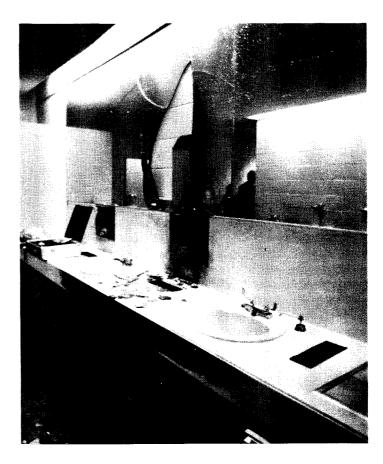
Firefighters from the Kochville Fire Department were called to the scene. However, the building's sprinkler system had already extinguished the blaze. Maxwell said the building's fire alarm sounded and someone then called DPS.

Many students evacuated the building of their own accord, Maxwell added. There was no danger to anyone and no one was in the restroom at the time. Physical plant later installed a new sprinkler head to replace the exhausted one.

ACROSS CAMPUS

- -- Tim Burke of academic support services and his wife Nadine, announce the birth of Adam Patrick, 7 pounds, 2 ounces and 20 inches long, Monday, February 9. Adam is the Burkes first child. Nadine, an SVSC graduate, is a full-time English instructor at Delta College.
- -- Peggy Flatt, assistant professor of nursing, extends her gratitude to all who have wished her well since her automobile accident in November. Flatt returned to work in January with an appreciation for the accessibility of the campus facilities to the handicapped.

Fire in a second-floor men's rest-room caused close to \$1,000 damage February 9.



HIGH FIVE

- -- Both the men's and women's track teams finished second in district championships Saturday, February 14 at Sienna Heights College in Adrian. Both squads were defeated by Hillsdale College.
- -- The women's baskeball team continued its winning streak with a 92-47 trouncing over Wayne State University Thursday, February 12. Lisa Masters had 14 points and Trena Sanders had 10 points and 14 rebounds.
- -- The men's basketball team dropped a 73-59 decision to Wayne State University Thursday, February 12. Robert Goggins and Phillip Miller both pumped in 15 points each.

The roundball squads take it to the road this week for a pair of matches with Upper Peninsula teams. Thursday, February 19, the cagers will duke it out with Lake Superior State College, then follow with contests against Michigan Tech University on Saturday, February 21.

The women return for their final contest Monday, February 23 to host Hillsdale College.

EVENT WATCH

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